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REMARKS

This application has been amended to insert headings in the specification, to eliminate the multiple dependencies in the claims, and to incorporate Article 34 Amendments from the corresponding PCT application. Entry of the amendments and early consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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New patent claims 1 and 9 (together with the originally filed dependent claims)

1. A method for producing a toothbrush comprising a handle part and a brush head including a plurality of tufts of bristles, wherein plastified material is injected into a plurality of separate mold cavities configured in a joint tool for shaping identical, separated molded bodies,

characterized in

that the individual mold cavities are filled with different components of a plastified material in one injection molding cycle, and that the different components of the plastified material are supplied via separated channels to the separate mold cavities.

9. A device for producing a toothbrush comprising a handle part and a brush head including a plurality of tufts of bristles, in particular according to at least one of claims 1 to 8, comprising an injection molding tool having formed therein a plurality of identical mold cavities,

characterized in

that a plurality of plastifying units (1a; 1b; 1c) are provided, each communicating with different mold cavities of the injection molding tool.

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